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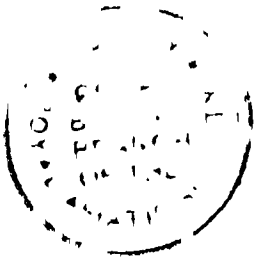

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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE, 1760.

Volume 40.

N°. 1.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of this Place for October and November, those of Vizagapatam for last Month, and the Books of that Place, closed the 30^th^. April; The Merchants Heads as well as those of Long Cloths are brought forward, as the Chief is debted for them in May agreeable to your Orders.

I am with great Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. humb^le^. Ser^t^.
John Andrews.

Masulipatam
24^th^. December 1759.

N°. 2.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your favour of the 27^th^. past. As to the Rents they were many of them Farmed Out by Colonel Forde, and I assure you the whole have been lett out to the Utmost Advantage, few People being willing to Engage in the Present Unsettled Situation of the Country, no diligence shall be wanting duely and faithfully to Collect them.

The Grain in these Parts comes in late and near half of our Revenues being in Salt it will yet be two or three Months before any thing considerable can be collected when it can, what can be spared from the Expence of the Place shall be applied to the Investment and your remarks thereon duely Observed.

No goods have been Exported from hence since Colonel Forde quitted the place; when any are the Owners shall have proper Certificates.

Inclosed are the Accounts of this Place for last Month.

Masulipatam
3^d^. Jan^y^. 1760.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Andrews.

N°. 3.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^R^.
President & Governor &c^A^. Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Pleasure to acquaint you that our Troubles with the Dutch are Entirely accommodated having therefore no Occasion for any part of Colonel Cootes Regiment We revoke the Orders lately sent him, for further Particulars We must beg leave to refer you to the Duke, on which Ship We shall send you a large Consignment of Treasure and as much rice as she can Carry.

We have stationed the Oxford to proceed to your Presidency in January with 200 Tons of Salt Petre and half her loading of Bales We shall also Consign you upon the Leopard & other Conveyances such a Quantity of Salt Petre as may enable you to return the Shaftesbury to Europe. The Denham will be Dispatch'd from hence to Bencoolen directly. We are

Fort William
the 11^th^. Decem^R^. 1759.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. & hum^b^. Serv^t^.

Robert Clive.
C. Manningham.
R^D^. Beecher.
W. Frankland.
W. Mackett.
Tho^s^. Boddam.
C. S. Playdell.
W. B. Sumner.
W. Mc.Gwire.
John Cooke.

N°. 4.

To the Honble Geo. Pigot Esq^R^.
President & Governor &c^A^. Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

We this Morning received the agreeable News of the Arrival of the Stormont Cap^t^. Fletcher who parted Company with the Ajax & Houghton of the Arracan Coast so that We are in hourly Expectation of their Arrival likewise. By the Stormont We have received your favors of the 6^th^. & 8^th^. Ultimo.

On this Vessell the Adventure Snow Tho^s^. Swaine Commander We have freighted One thousand bags of Saltpetre for account of the Company amounting to CR^s^. 11220 —. —. as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed.

Fort William
24^th^. December 1759.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^t^.

Robert Clive.
C. Manningham.
R^D^. Beecher.
W. Frankland.
J. Z. Holwell.
W. Mackett.
Tho^s^. Boddam.
C. S. Playdell.
W. B. Sumner.
W. Mc.Gwire.
John Cooke.

N°. 5.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Pleasure to advise you of the safe Arrival of the Honble Companys Ships the Denham, Oxford, Stormont Ajax & Houghton and the Receipt of your several favors by them.

We now dispatch the Companys Ship the Duke to you with a Cargo of Rice, and have consign'd to you on her two Chests of Gold & thirty Chests of Rupees amounting As ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Enclosed to C.Rs. 480868. 14. 6.

The Leopard Snow will sail for your Presidency in a few days with a loading of Rice—the disappointments We have met with in our Expectations of Salt Petre & the large Demands We have had for that Article, puts it out of our Power to assist you with any on the Leopard or other Vessells as We promised in our Letter of the 11th. December, but We propose Dispatching the Oxford to you very soon with [*lacuna*] Bags of Petre and if possible a further Supply of Treasure.

The 1st. Instant We dispatch'd the Honble Companys Ships Calcutta & Hardwicke directly for Europe with full Cargo's & hope to get the Royall George ready for sailing by the 20 of this Month.

Fort William.
5th. Janry. 1760.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble. Servt.
J. Z. Holwell.
C. S. Playdell.
W. B. Sumner.
W. Mc.Gwire.
Wm. Billers.
H. Smyth.

N°. 6.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor of Fort St.
George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts from Vizagapatam for last Month. Nothing material Occurring.

Masulipatam
23d. Jany. 1760.

I remain with Great Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. hum. Servt.
John Andrews.

N°. 7.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
&c^a. Council at Fort St. George.
President & Governor

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have to reply to your Favours of the 20th. Septr. and 15th. October.

We remark what you mention of having advised the President & Council at Fort William of the Remains of Pepper on the West Coast & your Honor &c^a. will perceive, by our Letter of the 12th. October, our Desire to assist in the Dispatch of the Tonnage, from that Presidency We have lately learnt the disagreeable News of our Honble Masters Ship Stretham, being lost in Bengal River, & that the Duke of Dorset was design'd for this Coast in her Room. The Clinton is now Loading for Great Britain, and will be finally dispatch'd from this Place, and as we have been advised, within these few days, from the Gentlemen in Bengal that they shall supply you with Money we hope your Honor &c^a. will likewise be able to assist in returning home the Ships of this Season.

A proper Regard shall be paid to the Information you give us respecting the Kings of Siam and Cuddah.

In reply to what your Honor &c^a. write, about the Charges of Ship Protector, that you have not a Head of that Vessell on your Books, and therefore must Continue to carry them to the debit of this Presidency, We beg leave to represent, that We are very sensible, its quite immaterial with respect to our Honble Masters, whether the Charges appear on your Books, or ours, but We are at the same time of opinion, that it will be far more regular that they should be brought to Account on yours, under the Head of former years Charges or any other you may judge Proper, as she has for some years past, being so much employed, on your side, that We have had no service from her at this Presidency & from considering of which we hope you will Concur with Us.

Our Honble Masters Ship Pocock imported here the 18th. instant, and we Observe your Honor &c^a. having put her under the Admirals Orders.

On reference to Our Advices by the Diligent Snow, you will find, we particularly noticed, having landed the Silver she brought out as her Stock, & by the Fort Marlbro Schooner we desired your Honors &c^a. to Confirm Capt. Nesbitt in the Command of that Vessell but he is returned, without your mentioning any thing Concerning him. The other Schooner design'd for the service of ye. West Coast (which We have named the London) is now rigging.

On Admiral Pococks Application we shall replace the Stores you have been supplied with from His Majestys Squadron, & forward your Honor &c^a. an Account of their Cost.

We enclose Copy of a Report from the Committee of Accounts, relative to the Account received from you, shewing the Difference between the Pay issued to the Kings & Companys Troops, and the Gratuity said to be made the former, which We desire your Honor &c^a. will write us Explicitely, about, agreeable to the abovementioned Report & our Request of the 12th. October Last.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants
Richd. Bourchier.
Cha: Crommelin.
Brabazon Ellis.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Saml. Hough.
Cha: Waters.

Bombay Castle
26th. December 1759.

BOMBAY 14TH. DECR. 1759.

At a Meeting of the Committee, for Examining Accounts It is Observed, that the Statement of Pay to his Majesty & the Honble Companys Troops (rec'd from Madrass Presidency the 9th. Instant) is neither Dated nor Signed. The Abstracts drawn to point out the difference (or Gratuity) vary in several parts thereof, & no mention made therein of any other Allowances what Ever Taking which into Consideration & as an Objection was formerly made by the Kings Officers, to the Validity of an Account Transmitted from thence, of the same Nature, for want of its being Properly authenticated; and the Honble Company seeming to Expect by the 173d. & 174th. 175th. Paragraphs of their Commands lately receivd by Ship Godolphin under date of the 25th. April 1759, That some regulations have been made by their President & Council of Fort St. George, Concerning the Allowance of Batta to those Forces, directing such regulated Accounts, as they have Ordered them to transmit hither in Consequence thereof, should be the Establish'd Rules to be Observed, in respect thereto in future; AGREED therefore, it be reported to the Board, at their next Meeting that in Order to shew due Obedience to Our Honble Masters said Commands it appears necessary to request the Gentlemen at Madrass, will Order an Abstract of the Gratuity or difference given to the Kings Troops, to be transmitted by the first Conveyance properly attested, together with an Account of all other Allowances whatever incurr'd by that Corps, either in the Field or Garrison, many Articles (besides Batta) being Monthly included in the Military Paymasters disbursements here, for Oil, Arrack (given as daily drams) Firewood, difference in the Prices of Provisions, Charged by the Barrack Master, & what the People pay him, Sundries on Account the Hospital &ca. which is Absolutely requisite, as their Officers declared in a Remonstrance delivered the 13th. Janry. 1756, That the difference between the Honble Company's Pay to their Own Troops, & what allowed by his Majesty was so trifling, that they Could not think of Accepting what was tendered them; the same being inconsistent with their Characters, as Gentlemen bearing the King's Commission.

SIGNED RICHARD BOURCHIER.
CHARLES CROMMELIN.
THOMAS BYFELD.
WILLIAM HORNBY.

A true Copy

DANL. DRAPER,
Secry.

No. 8.

MADRASPATAM

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE & THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL &CA. &CA. ON BEHALF OF THE RIGHT HONBLE THE ROYAL EAST INDIA COMPANY AND TO THE COUNCIL THERE.

HONBLE SIR & ESTEEMED FRIENDS

With Great Astonishment We are Informed by a Letter from Our late Resident at Masulipatam John Andries Dietloff that Colo: Forde had Caused two large Anchors, belonging to the Dutch Company and which were found there, to be embarked on board a Ship in Order to be sent to Madrass under pretence that they had belonged to the French, but upon the representation of our said President that the same belonged to our Company he Concluded that

the said Anchors would have been Ashore, but they were not, in the meantime the said Anchors being sent to Madrass, he Obliged our Resident to take 480 Rupees for them, which Certainly is a Publick Violence and Contrary to the Friendship and Alliance between his Majesty the King of Great Britain and their High Mightynesses the States General of the free United Netherlands We therefore desire that the Value of the said Anchors amounting to Rs. 1800 after deducting thereout the said Rs. 480 may be paid to our Chief of Pulicat, and that you will give the Necessary Orders that the like may not happen again between your Nation and the Effects of our Company.

For the rest, We have the Honour to be with much Consideration

NEGAPATAM
22D. JANY. 1760.

Honble Sir & Esteemed Friends
Your most Obedt. & faithfull Servts
L. J. VAN ECK.
DR. O. VICK.
ANTHY. BONK.
JS. CANTER VISSCHER.
BT. GEVEL.
P. LOOMAM.
J. M. SEVERIN.
CORN PIETERS ZT.
AY. VERSCHNY LENBURGH.
FK. JN. LOVENAAR.

No. 9.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have Received your favor of the 3d. And am equally Surprised, as Concerned at the Account of the Prince Henrys Cargoe which way so extraordinary a deficiency should arise I am at a Loss to imagine—had We indeed Acted in the Manner Capt. Reynolds, has meanly and falsely Asserted, such a Thing might have been, and We merited the severest Censure but so far from that, his second Mate Mr. Hodges saw Every Bagg of it Weighed at the River side, where it was Piled up Ready to ship off, with Tarpaulins over it, and a Seapoy Guard with proper Sentrys to watch it, and when loaded in the boats, Peons were sent in Every boat to take care of it on board—Messrs. Alexander, Dolben, and the River Conicoplys assure me and are ready to take their Oaths, that to their knowledge there was not one bagg, turned in, in the manner you mention, it is very true they were weighed with Dutch Weights, but that must have been an Advantage As their Weights are nine ℔ Cent better than Ours, though only Eight and a half was Deducted; therefore I think, either the scarcity of Grain at your Port, must have induced the Boat fellows Peons &ca. to Pilfer, or the fraud must have been Committed on board the ship, be it as it may it gives Every One here a sensible Concern.

Captain Fischer insisting upon having his Doctor, I sent for Mr. Maule from Vizagapatam to attend the Hospital, which I hope you will Approve.

I have good hopes that before the End of this Month I shall be able to begin an Investment, and that We may at least spare two Lack of Rupees out of the Revenues for that Purpose.

I must request you will be pleased to send a Sett of Weights & Scales by the first Opportunity; An Indent of what other Stores are necessary shall be sent with my Next.

The Accounts of this Place come Inclosed and I am with Great Respect

11TH. FEBY. 1760.
11TH FEBY. 1760.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed. humble. Servt.
JOHN ANDREWS.

N°. 10.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is Chiefly to acquaint you with the Difficulties I lie under with regard to the Investment the Merchants Agreements are for Madrass Pagodas, Our Revenues are in Rupees, if I purchase Pagodas, they are at Present So Scarce, that I cannot Get them Under four Rupees and a Quarter, and if I Advance the Merchants in Rupees at that rate it will make a Difference of at Least 5 Rupees, 12 anas ℔ Corge, in the Ordinary Cloth and fine in Proportion, as ℔ the Statement at foot hereof, supposing the Exchange at 370, the Price with you, whereas our Exchange is Imaginary at 350. I cannot therefore think of any Way to remove this Obstacle but Either by your sending Pagodas here and taking our Rupees in Return, Or Allowing Me to charge the Money Advanced for Cloth at Rupees 386. 8. ℔ % Currt. Pagodas which will be much the same thing in the End for If there is 5 ℔ Cent Saved by sending Pagodas, it will be Lost By receiving our Rupees, which are 5 ℔ Cent worse than Arcot or Pondicherry.

As Every thing is Settled here Upon a Proper footing, and No appearance of any Disturbance at Present, I should be greatly Obliged to you if you will permit me to come up to Madras for a few days as well on the Account of my Health as to settle some Affairs.

Mr. Bonjeur complains greatly of his Health and desires leave also to come up, I beg your speedy Answer as the Season is far Advanced.

The Vizagapatam Accounts for last Month come herewith.

MASULIPATAM
16TH. FEBRY. 1760.

I am with Great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble. Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

Suppose Long Cloth Ordinary N°. 2 at

M. Pags. .. : ..	32	—	—	at R 4. 4.	136	—	—
Batta at 10 ℔ Cent	3	7	16				
Currt. Pags.	35	7	16				
Exchange at 370 ℔ %							
Pagodas					130	3	10
Difference				Rups.	5	12	2

N°. 11.

MADRASPATANAM

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

GOVR. & DIRECTOR OF THIS COAST OF CHOROMANDELL & ORIXA, AND TO THE HONBLE COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Government on the Choromandel Coast having signified to Us that two heavy Anchors belonging to Us had been brought from Masulipatam in your Ships to your Presidency amounting together to Rs. 1800 and that they had desired your Honor &ca. after Deducting from the said Amount the Sum of Rs. 480 which had been already paid to our Resident at Masulipatam to Permit the Ballance to us being Rs. 1320, We therefore desire your Honour &ca. will Comply therewith by such way as you shall think safest, in the mean time We have the Honor to be with the most profound respect.

PULICAT
22D. FEBRY. 1760.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obedt. humble. Servants
CH. VAN. TEYLINGEN.
NS. DE. JONCHEERE.

N°. 12.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We address'd you last by the Companys. Ship the Duke as ☞ Duplicates now enclosed—since her departure We have rec'd your favor in Cypher under date the 23d. Novr.

The Oxford being ready for sailing We now send her to you with 463 bags of Rice for the use of your Settlement having laden on her Sundry Goods consigned to the Honble Court of Directors as ☞ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed in a separate Packet address'd to them amounting to CRs. [*lacuna*] depending on your being able to compleat her Tonnage & Finally to dispatch her to Europe—By her we likewise send you an additional supply of twenty Chests of Treasure which with the large consignments made you by the Duke will We hope be fully sufficient for the Expences of your Garrison as We are Apprehensive it will not be in our Power to give you any further Assistance in this Article—indeed We were tempted to find you a greater supply by the Duke than was Altogether consistent with prudence, from an apprehension of the Dispatch of the Oxford being considerably retarded by our having the Ships lately arrived to unload at the time great part of our Craft was employ'd in loading the several other Ships then on their Departure—and when the number of our boats was greatly reduced by many being gone up the Country with the Detachment under Major Caillaud the Quickness of the Passage the Duke would probably have & her being thereby expos'd to less danger from the Enemy with a view of the advantages arising from your being early and amply supply'd were likewise further inducements to Us to run an extraordinary risk.

The Leopard's Snow will be dispatch'd to you in a few days with some Provisions for His Majesty's Squadron and a further supply of Rice.

We are

FORT WILLIAM
24th. Janry. 1760.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
ROBERT CLIVE.
J. Z. HOLWELL.
WM. B. SUMNER.
WM. McGWIRE.
J. BATSON.
WM. BILLERS.
H. SMYTH.

P.S.—We must desire you will supply us early in the season with 250 Tons of Redwood.

No. 13.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the enclosed Duplicate of our letter to you ℔ Oxford you will find We purposed sending you a further supply of Rice by the Leopard Snow But the King's Stores which are laden on her take up so much room that it is not in our power to put any thing else on board. We therefore dispatch her to you with them. We have directed Captain Barclay to touch at Vizagapatam, to deliver a letter to Captain Fischer in which We have order'd him to proceed to us with his Party by land with the utmost expedition, should not the Shaftesbury be there to transport him hither.

We are

FORT WILLIAM
4TH. FEBRUARY 1760.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
ROBERT CLIVE.
J. Z. HOLWELL.
WM. B. SUMNER.
W. MC.GWIRE.
J. BATSON.
WM. BILLERS.
HARRY VERELST.
H. SMYTH.

No. 14.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have had the pleasure to receive your several favours of the 25th. past and 1st. Instant.

Inclosed are the Accounts of this place for last Month, The Batterries being finished, the Charge of Repairs of Fortifications will now be considerably Reduced.

The Ballance of the Cash I have advanced to the Merchants for the Provision of Cloth, and upon such Terms as will be attended with very little loss to the Company.

I return you my thanks for the permission you have been pleased to give me, I hope to set out in a few Days.

Herewith comes also a Duplicate Sett of the Vizagapatam Books, and the Accounts of that place for last month.

I am with the Greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Andrews.

Masulipatam
14th. March 1760.

N°. 15.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now before us your favours of the 28th. Ultimo & 5th. Instant and shall duly honour the Bills of Exchange mentioned in the Letter.

In order to relieve as much as is in our power the Distress you are under for grain We now dispatch the Victoria Snow belonging to the Company with 743 Bags of Rice for your Settlement & 265 Bags of Pease for the Use of his Majesty's Squadron, & as we learn the Duke is Arrived in Ballasore Road we shall return her to you as soon as possible with a Cargoe of Rice and by her and other opportunity's that may Offer shall send you a Supply of Jaggery.

Your Indent for packing Stuff has been fully comply'd with by the Oxford Captain Webber who sailed from Ingellee the 6th. Instant.

We enclose Copies of two Letters receiv'd from Messrs. Thomas Hobbes at Ragoon and James Roberston at Dagoon assigning some Cause for their unhappy Sufferings. We request you will unload the Victoria as soon as possible as We have ordered the Commander to proceed from Madrass to Negraise with proper Credentials & a present to the King of the Burmahs in hopes of Obtaining the Liberty of those Gentlemen and other English who are detained there.

Enclosed is likewise Copy of a Letter lately recēd from the Companys Supracargoes at China with Duplicate of our Address to you ℔ Leopard Snow.

The Royal George sailed from Ingellee the 12th. Instant directly for Europe—the Duke of Dorset will follow her with a full Cargoe about the End of this month, & the Ajax is now under dispatch for Bencoolen with some Salt Petre and about 600 Bales in order to be filled up with pepper & finally dispatch'd from thence and the Houghton to Bombay for the same purpose.

Colonel Clive having relinquish'd the Chair and Embarked for Europe in the Royal George the Government of this Presidency has devolv'd on the Honble John Zephaniah Hollwell Esqr.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servant
J. Z. Hollwell.
Wm. B. Sumner.
Wm. Mc.Gwire.
S. Batson.
H. Verelst.
Henry Smyth.

Fort William.
21st. Febry 1760.

N°. 16.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governour, &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Duplicate of your Favour under the 14^th^. January reached us on the 1^st^. Instant.

We countermanded our Directions for the Provision of Rice for the Shaftesbury, on learning that your Honour &c^a^. had detained her; but have again ordered the Gentlemen at Tellicherry to proceed therein, and agreeable to your Desire, shall endeavour to return her to your Presidency in proper Time for repairing to China, but have not yet any Account, of her being arrived on the Coast, nor the Duke of Dorset or Houghton from Bengall, which will make it very late, before We can dispatch those Ships for Great Britain.

The Clinton sailed the 28^th^. Ultimo, with a considerable Surplus Tonnage, and M^r^. Bourchier having embarked on her, has been succeeded in this Government by M^r^. Crommelin, conformable to our Honble Masters Commands.

The Commander of the Drake from Bengal, having been detected in purchasing Pepper at Coletchee, which is within the Companys Limits of Trade, We have obliged him to deliver it here at the Anjengo Price, with reasonable Charges thereon, and the better to prevent their being injured in this important Point, We have desired the President & Council at Fort William, possitively to forbid any Country Ships from thence, touching on the Coast, below Anjengo and must request, that your Honour &c^a^. will likewise prevent any Vessels, doing it belonging to your Presidency.

Bombay Castle
4^th^. March 1760.

We have the honour to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants
Cha. Crommelin.
J. Byfeld.
W^m^. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Sam^l^. Hough.
Cha^s^. Waters.

N°. 17.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.

President & Governor &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honour &c^a^. Favors of the 25^th^. & 27^th^. Ultimo by the Severn We have reced & shall duly honor the bills of Exchange you have drawn on us before the receipt of the above letters We had laden on the Duke 1500 Bags of Rice & 300 Bags of Lump Jaggery, for the use of your Settlement amounting as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed to CR^s^. 7298. 12. exclusive of 558 Bags of Pease ship'd by the Agent Victualler, to his Majesty's Squadron, & now dispatch Her to you.

In consequence of your representation as well as that of Admiral Cornish of the want of Provisions He is in, for his Squadron, We have order'd one of the Company's Sloops to be immediately prepar'd to proceed to you & if another or more can possibly be spar'd they shall be dispatch'd with the

several supplies you have desir'd—If the Service will not admit of our sending away more Sloops, We shall use our utmost endeavours to furnish you with the remaining Articles on freight but the present Price of Grain on your Coast will We apprehend make the Freight turn out very exorbitant. We are glad We embrac'd the opportunity of the Leopard Snow of sending a supply of salt Provisions and of Pease by the Victoria.

We shall render all the service in our Power to the Gentlemen who corresponds with the Agent of his Majesty's Squadron with respect to the purchase as well as transporting any Arrack he may be able to procure for his Majesty's Service.

We have made inquiry of the Gentlemen lately arriv'd from Masulapatam concerning the Demand of the Governor and Council of Negapatam and find the affair thus circumstanc'd—The Anchors being found in Masulapatam and no Claim being made for them four or five Months they were judg'd to be French Property and in consequence sold to the Captain of one of our Europe Ships for the sum set forth in that Letter, but on a demand being subsequently made by the Dutch Resident there, the sum was refunded to him and he executed a receipt for the same (without any force as is represented in their Negapatam Letter) a Copy of which We now transmit to you.

A Chest of Treasure mark'd IB N°. 5 having been landed here last year from the Prince George which We are inform'd by our Secretary was design'd for the pay of the King's Artillery at Madrass We have shipp'd it on the Duke on account and risque of his Majesty a ℔ separate Bill of Lading enclos'd to Mr. Charles Milton Commissary of Stores.

Enclos'd you will receive Duplicates of our Address to your Honor &ca. under date the 21st. Ultimo pr. Victoria Snow, and our Account Current with your Presidency made up to January last which We are sensible is not quite compleat for want of some Invoices of Stores received from you, which in our first hurry and Confusion have been mislaid—but conclude you will be able to supply the Defect.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
J. Z. HOLWELL.
WM. B. SUMNER.
WM. Mc.GWIRE.
S. BATSON.
H. VERELST.
H. SMYTH.

FORT WILLIAM
15TH. MARCH 1760.

Mr. York.

I the underwritten do acknowledge to have received Rs. 480 on Account of 2 heavy Anchors belonging to the Honble Netherlands East India Company which you sold contrary to my Will & inclination at a price, as abovementioned, for which not one of such Anchors could be procured in Europe & this serves as an Acquittance for the abovementioned Rs. 480.

SIR,
Your very Obed Friend & Servant
I. Hs. DIETLOFF.

MAZULIPATM.
THE 9TH. OCTOB. 1759.

N°. 18.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the Month of March.

I am
Masulipatam Honble Sir &. Sirs
8th. April 1760. Your most Obedient & most humble Servt.
Jas. Alexander.

N°. 19.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour, &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you last, under the 14th. instant and on the 9th. imported our Honble Masters Ship Shaftesbury.

The London Schooner, Captain Thomas Savage, is now dispatched to your Honor &ca. under Convoy of Rear Admiral Stevens's Squadron, who are on their return to your Coast, and on which Vessel, we have embarked the few Slaves we have remaining, with as many Stores, as we can possibly spare, in compliance with the Indents, receiv'd from the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlborough, amounting to Rupees 10,014–26 and we transmit your Honour &ca. on Account Cost of the London, the Impress advanced her Crew, and an Inventory of her Stores, to be forwarded, with out Packet for those Gentlemen.

By our Honble Masters Ship Pocock, which likewise proceeds for your Presidency, we take the Opportunity of consigning you; a Parcel of Gold Dust, Invoice and Bill of lading for which are enclosed, and have to request that your Honour &ca. will appropriate the Produce thereof, in your Mint, for procuring Dollars, to be forwarded by such Ship, or Ships, as you may think proper, to the Resident Supercargoes at Canton in part of Ship Griffins Stock as we are greatly distressed for that Specie of Silver and the Supercargoes there, have lately informed us, that a considerable Loss arises on Rupees, and for the Produce of this Consignment of Gold Dust, we desire your Honour &ca. will give Captain John Edwards of the Boneta Ketch, Bills on the President & Council at Fort William, at the rate it turns out in your Mint, fixing the Exchange between Rupees and Pagodas, at the Exchange that may prevail on its Receipt which is our Agreement with him and concerning which, we shall write the Gentlemen in Bengal, & your Honour &ca. will be pleased, to advise us of the Amount of such Bills, that we may credit that Presidency accordingly.

Having received some Maps of the Coast of Cormandel from England, for your use, we send two Parcels of them, by the Pocock and London, and the third shall be transmitted by the Shaftesbuty.

We are
Bombay Castle Honble Sir & Sirs
20th. March 1760. Your most Obedient humble Servants
Chas. Crommelin &ca. Council

N°. 20.

To the Honble George Pigot
President &c^a^. Council at Fort S^t^. George.

Gentlemen

The Ships Winchelsea & Prince of Wales arrived here the 18^th^. of June, the Britannia & Tilbury the 1^st^. of Sep^r^. the Rhoda the 3^rd^. D^o^. and the Essex the 2^d^. of October, By these Ships we receiv'd the several Packets and the Letters you wrote Us, the Contents of which we duely note. We were in great Hopes of having at least some of the five Ships (arrived on the Coast) dispatch'd to Us, and are very sorry to find M^r^. Pocock had thought proper to detain them, as we have made a considerable Provision for them which will prove a Disadvantage to the Company, We hope however you Gentlemen will be so good to give them an early Dispatch the next Season, which will undoubtedly be of very great Consequence to Us in the Management of the Honble Companys affairs here.

We are sorry the Shaftesbury lost her Passage from Batavia to Madrass, and hope we shall have her or One in her Stead the next year.

By the Honble Companys Instructions to Us, they expected you to add considerably to the Stocks of each of the Ships to be consign'd to Us from your Settlement, We observe by your Letters the Necessity you had for Money would prevent it. We hope Affairs will take a better Turn before the next Season, and that you will be enabled to Comply with the Company's Orders as it is undoubtedly for their Advantage to have a considerable Fund here.

We wrote you by way of Bencoolen of the Pitts Arrival here the 6^th^. of April and that she was dispatch'd home the 28^th^. of May, but did not get clear of the Land until the 15^th^. of June.

We have acquainted M^r^. Talcot of the Hon^ble^. Companys Orders, In consequence of which he intends taking his Passage home on one of our early Ships,

Should you have two or three Ships (Besides those we expect) that you cant dispatch for Europe with proper Cargoes, By consigning them to us with what small stock you can spare we will engage to load them home provided you give us early Intelligence.

Redwood is a very good Article here, & in Demand and Tin will always do here at a reasonable Price.

Passengers coming by way of China are a great Embarrassment to us, and as it is the Hon^ble^. Companys Intentions that none should pass this way, we could wish the Presidencies would prevent it.

The Price of Raw Silk annualy increasing, has occasiond the Emperors forbiding the Exportation of Raw and wrought Silks, We are in Hopes to get it off for this Season, but we fear it will not be possible to do it the Next.

The Hon^ble^. Companys Schooner Cuddalore arrived off Macao the 6^th^. of July M^r^. Dalrymple drew on us for five hundred and a half Spanish Dollars for the said Vessels Use, which We paid and enclose you an Account of the same, also a Price Current & list of Ships at the Port of Canton.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servants
Thomas Lochwood &c^a^.
Supercargoes.

Canton.
November 4^th^. 1759.

N°. 21.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governour of Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Council.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 1^st^. Instant, I have Receed with Invoice and Bill of Lading for Sundays put on board he Treze Cantons Sloop, she is safe arriv'd and all the Articles answer to the Invoice.

Inclosd is the Accounts of the Settlement for last Month.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Serv^t^.
Ja^s^. Alexander.

Masulipatam
9^th^. May 1760.

N°. 22.

To the Hon̄ble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council at Fort S^t^. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We did ourselves the pleasure to write you last, under the 20^th^. Ultimo, & have received your favour of the 1^st^.

With respect to your Honour &c^as^. proposal, regarding the Ship Protector, We shall debt your Presidency, for the whole amount of her Charges, but cannot by any means part with that Ship from this Establishment, as she was stationed here by our Hon̄ble Masters, & we have so much service for her, that nothing but our desire to assist your Honour &c^a^. could have induced us to consent to be so long deprived of her, as We have hitherto been.

The Shaftesbury having been repaired and cleaned, now proceeds to Tellicherry, for taking in such a Quantity of Rice as with the Timber and Plank provided for your Presidency at Callicut, may compleat her Cargoe; We forward the remaining Parcel of Maps, received for your use, and request your Honour &c^a^. will transmit the accompanying Packet for the Resident Supercargoes at Canton.

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
Cha^s^. Crommelin.
J. Byfeld.
W^m^. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Sam. Hough.
Cha^s^. Waters.
Robert Holford

Bombay Castle
15 April 1760.

N°. 23.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Madras.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last Address under the 4th. Instant ℔ Pattamars and We are Now to advise your Honor &c^a^. of our having laden on this Ship the Shaftesbury which Imported here the 26th. Instant Bales four thousand (400) of Rice being all the Commander could take on Board allowing room for a sufficient Quantity of Planks from Callicut, whither We now dispatch him, so as to Answer your Expectations of both these Articles.

His Majesty's Ship Yarmouth left this Place the 16th. Instant for Anjengo, as did the Stormont the 14th. the Houghton the 18th. both for Bombay, and the Griffin was dispatch'd the 26th. for China.

Enclosed are Invoice and Bill of Lading of the Rice amounting to Rupees 11175–1–12 and Your Honour &c^a^. will Receive those of the Plank at Callicut from M^r^. Harry Huet, Ordered thither Purposely to dispatch this Ship.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Tho^s^. Hodges.
Titus Scott.
Tho^s^. Salchwell.
James Ryley.
W^m^. Taylor.

Tellicherry
29th. April 1760.

N°. 24.

The Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to my Orders from the Chief & Factors of Tellicherry, I now Dispatch Ship Shaftesbury to you, having Laden on her four hundred & ninety eight Planks of different sorts as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, being all the Commander cou'd take on board.

You will please to observe the price of the above Plank is not ment'd in the Invoice, on account the present Linguist acquainting me there is no such thing here, nor has there been for Your Presidency many years ago, but shall acquaint the Chief & Factors thereof who I imagine will in their next Advices Signify it to you.

I am with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. hble. Servant
Harry Huet.

Callicut
5th May 1760.

N°. 25.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Ajax Captain George Lindsay put in here the 24 Instant and informed me, by one of his officers that he had not ten days water on board, it not being in power to supply him here unless he made a very long stay, which I think attended with some risque at this Juncture & having no Pepper on hand, I gave him all the Intelligence I could & left it entirely to himself to act as he judged best in Consequence of this he has come to a Resolution of going to Madrass to fill up there, which gives me an opportunity of informing Your Honour &ca. Council that a French Ship of seventy four Guns and a Frigate with five hundred land Forces aboard took the Settlement of Nattal the 7th. of February last, without any opposition & that of Tappannooly the 15th. after a Seige of three days, they passed thro' this road the 25th. of March and the 1st. Instant were in possession of Marlbrō after a few hours resistance, since I have had no Intelligence from thence that can be depended on.

The Mallays report that the Deputy Governour and Mr. Hay are made prisoners, & the other Gentlemen with some part of the Garrison who were stationed at Sillebar are gone to the So.ward and add about ten days ago the french having advices there was some English ships off Croce, immediately sailed from Marlbrō leaving behind them one hundred and Fifty Men some of which are since gone to reduce Salomah & Manna.

Mr. Scott Resident of Laye and his Assistant Mr. Hutton who resided at Polley were both obliged to flye to Cattown a few days after Marlbro was taken; The Natives having seized on every thing belonging to them & the Company. Should any accident happen to this place, Cattown & Jappoo, will I am apprehensive share the same Fate.

The Denham Captain Tryon put in here the 23d. of March whom I advised of the French Ships being then only six Leagues to the No. ward on which he immediately sett sail for Marlbrō & the Gentlemen there having thought proper to detain him and his people for the Defence of the place, the Ship was afterwards blown up to prevent her falling into the French hands.

A few Arabs belonging to the late Garrison of Tappannooly arrived here some time ago from whom I learn, that the French have put Pangtimo Lout the King of Atcheens Deputy in possession of Tappannooly and the Dutch of Nattal Mr. Wyatt & the other Gentlemen of Nattall and Tappannooly are all left at Padang except. Mr. Nairne whom it is said the French have treated very ill on account of his burning the Honble Companys Snow Pigot, and a private Vessell, after they attacked the place, I can't help observing to your Honour &ca. Council that the Dutch have been very Assiduous in supplying the French with Pilots, Provisions and every thing else they stood in need of. Severall of their Vessells have attended them constantly since their arrival on this Coast.

As the Garrison here Consist only of Thirty Europeans, and no assistance to be expected from the Natives, the Old Sultan Gandom Shaw having absconded three weeks ago, I have thought proper to ship on board the Ajax on Account of the Honble Company, Treasure and piece Goods amounting as ℔ Invoice and bill of loading enclosed to ℔ 8005—1—40 [*sic*] Eight thousand five hundred and five Spanish Dollars, one Sooco, and forty Cash which was all it was in my power to send off without detaining the Ship.

I am very respectfull
Honoured Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Richd. Preston.

Moco Moco
the 26th. April 1760

N°. 26.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President, & Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By directions receiv'd from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlbrō, under date the 21st. Febry. I herewith transmit you a packet forwarded to me from thence, for the Conveyance of which I have been order'd to hire a Vessell expressly for that purpose; and as it has been impossible for me to Charter one Belonging to this Port, I have therefore been necessitated to entertain the Pocock Snow, Capt. Thomas Wintle in their Honours Service, to the Master of which have advanc'd Three Thousand Rixdollars on Account of Wages, Victualing, and hire. Annexed Your honour &ca. Council will be pleased to receive a Copy of the Contract entered into, for your Government indisposing of said Vessell. I have had none more recent, Advice from their honours Settlements on the West Coast, than what must be contained in the above Packet. But from Padang intelligence has been receiv'd here, that Nattall has certainly fallen into the hands of the Enemy. Under Cover comes Captain Wintles Sailing Instructions, by which you will observe I have directed him if possible to speak with our Fleet, and have given him a Ten Lines Addressed to the Admiral, acquainting him of two French Ships being on the West Coast of Sumatra for certain, Thinking the Communication to him, thereof, expedient, As it may be some sort of Government, and Inference that the Enemy's Fleet did not Return to the Islands to Careen, Refit and put themselves in a Situation again for Action, with Ours, on the Coast of Coromandel.

Accompanying this you will likewise please to find,

A Packet from Europe to your Honour &ca. Council.

A Do. from Canton to Do.

A Do. from Europe for the President & Council of Bombay.

Nothing further occurring, I beg leave to Subscribe myself with great deference,

Batavia
7th. April 1760.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hble Servt.

John Herbert.

N°. 27.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Resident of Nattal will inform you that two French Ships of War were before that place the 6th. Instant, and we conclude must infallibly have taken possession immediately.

By the reports we receive from the Malays they intend coming down the whole Coast, the enclosed Copy of our Letter to the Honble Court will acquaint you what steps we are taking to secure their property, we have therefore only to add that as we are determin'd to maintain some part of the Country

to the last Extremity, we hope you will find means to send us relief with all possible Expedition.

We are with due respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servants
ROGER CARTER.
ROBERT HAY.

FORT MARLBOROUGH
21ST. FEBRUARY 1760.

N°. 28.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Meeting with Captn. Wintle off the mouth of the Streights of Sunda, I take this favourable opportunity of acquainting you that Fort Marlbro surrender'd to the French the 1st. or 2d. Instant. They arriv'd on this Coast the 6th. Febry. last & after taking Nattal and Tappannoolay, proceeded down the Coast after a party of French was dispatch'd to Moco Moco overland, as likewise another to Saloomah & the other Southern Residencies, & when We left Croce, were then in possession of Manna & on their March forward, the Natives have stript Us of every thing We have & had not the Fort Marlbro Snow been luckily at Croce in all probability every Soul of Us would have been massacred, at present We are come off with the Loss of only Mr. Overbeck, our Pepper Surveyor & three Europeans. I have secur'd the Honble Companys Treasure, & as soon as I can get a few necessaries and some fresh Water shall make the best of my Way to Madrass.

Under cover is a narrative of the proceeding of the French from their first arrival the incorrectness of which you will please Excuse having been much out of order both in body and mind.

Mr. Herbert desires the inclosed Pacquat may be forwarded to Madrass in case Marlbro is in the hands of the French.

I am
HONBLE SIRS
Your most Obedt. & most humble
Servant
WM. NORRIS.

On Board Fort Marlbro Snow Off the Straits of Sunda
25TH. APRIL 1760.

The 6th. February last two french Ships appear'd before Nattal, upon which Mr. Wyatt, the Resident thereof, dispatch'd Messrs. Hall and Hunter, with a Flag of Truce to Offer to Capitulate & to deliver himself & Garrison, as Prisoners of War, which was accepted—having had a Days Intelligence before the French came to Nattal, every thing of value that belong'd either to the Company or Gentlemen on the Place, was sent on board the Resolution. Sloop, the Military were confin'd to the Fort and the Gentlemen on board the Ships—after Nattal had surrender'd, they dispatch'd the smallest Ship to Tappanooly, where they attempted to land, but Mr. Nairne, having made up matters with the Balla People they joined them & beat the French off with great resolution, after this they made a second attack, & Messrs. Nairne, Dunn, Southerland, McTagget & Elliott were taken Prisoners, thirteen Europeans that fled from Tappanoolay to Barroos, got safe to Marlbro, the Pigott Snow & Hawke Sloop Mr. Nairne burnt just before the Attack. The French Ship, Dunns

Snow and Southerlands Sloop lay within Musquet shott of the Fort, cannonaded it three days & three Nights & afterwards took it by Surprize, by landing one hundred Men unseen at three ° Clock in the morning who came on the back of them, at the same time 150 made an Attack on the Front. The Arab Ensign behav'd most valiantly would take no quarter after the French enter'd & it is said he killed 6 or 7 People with his own hand, his loss is consequently much lamented. Nairne with 30 or 40 Europeans and some Arabs at first retreated into the Country, but being apprehensive the Natives would cut them off, went & surrender'd themselves At Marlbro The necessary works of Defence are finish'd Mr. Hay commands a party of Military & Bugguesses, at the Camp & Intrenchments of Sillebar, River & the Pangaran is occasionally to give his Assistance with the Country People, Mr. Freeth commands a Company of Coffrees beyong [*sic*] Kings Cliff, the Governour with the main body of Military & Bugguesses, is ready at Marlbro to march where ever his assistance is wanted, Mr. Darval has charge of the Fort & the five Dattoes & two Pangarans with their People guard a Breast work which runs from the Bridge to Bencoolin, with small redoubts which run along at such Distances from one another, that the Party which defends any one can soon come to the relief of the others, & five new Companies of Bugguesses are rais'd consisting of 60 Men each.

The 28th. March the Denham Capn. Tryon anchord in Marlbro road which at first was mistaken for a french Ship, but by a Letter from the Board dated the 30 March, they acquaint me that two Ships & a Sloop was then coming into the Road, which they made no doubt were French & that they were prepar'd as much as Circumstances would admit to make a good Defence.

And this day being the 16th. April, Serjant Chambers who is just now arriv'd from Saloomah, acquaints me that Fort Marlbro surrender'd to the French the 1st. or 2d. April & that when he left that place the French were then in view of the House.

Fort Marlbro Snow arriv'd here the 3d. Instant but Capn. Howell who came ashore the 6th. & went off the same day in Company with Mr. Lys, has never been heard of since so Imagine they are either lost or cutt off by the Crew or the Boat, no Orders from Marlbro relating to the Snow, or how we are to Act in case Fort Marlbro falls, & having the melancholly prospect before us of being cut off by the Natives, or taken by the French, We are unanimously come to a resolution to Embark on board her & make the best of our way to Madrass.

CROCE
16TH. APRIL 1760.

WM. NORRIS.

The Siege did not last more than three Hours after Marlbro was taken, the Governour and Gentlemen retir'd to Sooco Rammee, but the French detach'd a Party after them and brought them all Prisoners to the Fort the Natives behav'd in a most villanous manner.

N°. 29.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last advices to you, went by the Ship Egmont Captain John Venner, and not having receiv'd any Storys, or Letters, from you, We can only acknowledge the Receipt of seventeen of the Twenty one Madagascar Slaves, sent to us from Bombay, according to your Request, to the President & Council of

that Island Four of which having died on their Passage. We desire you will send for the use of this Island seventy Pieces of Long Cloth Quantity and Price of Each sort as follows Viz^{t}.

Ten pieces at twelve pagodas ℔ piece Ten at ten Pagodas ℔ piece Ten at Eight Pagodas ℔ piece, Thirty at three Pagodas ℔ piece, Ten at Four Pagodas ℔ piece, and the rest of the one ℔ Cent, in Arrack, Rice, and Paddy.

This goes by the Ship Earl of Holdernesse Captain Robert Brook, & we herewith send you the List of Ships arrival and departure, to and from this place since the 1st. August 1758.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
CHA^{S}. HUTCHINSON.
JOHN ADAMSON.
JOHN CLARK.

26TH. MARCH 1759.

N°. 30.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We are glad to find by your favor of the 10th. Ultimo that the supply of Salt Provisions sent on the Leopard Snow arriv'd so opportunely in compliance with your request, and that of Admiral Cornish we now dispatch the Tarter Sloop belonging to the Company with 100 Casks of the King's Provisions, One thirteen Inch Mortar, 150 Shells and 400 barrels of Gunpowder And in order to furnish you with a further quantity of Shells We have freighted on the Fanny Snow 1471 more at 40 Arcot Rupees ℔ ton the amount of which We have accounted with the Owners for. We must request you will use utmost expedition in unloading this Vessel and giving the Commander his Dispatches as we have ingag'd with the Owners to allow them forty Arcot Rupees ℔ Diem for the time she is detain'd at Madrass after the expiration of twenty days from her Arrival there.

With respect to the difference in the Invoice of Rice ℔ Duke & the bills of lading signed by Cap^{t}. Thomas Powney, We have inquir'd into it & find it proceeded from the Invoice's being made out for the fifteen hundred bags intended to be shipp'd on her, whereas she could take in only 1400 conformable to his bill of Lading.

In our letter to you by the above Ship We advis'd you that We had sent up Ali Verdi Mustapha in her to stand his tryal at Madrass. He was accordingly put on board a boat in order to proceed on board the Duke but arrived too late—We shall therefore now detain him in hopes the papers left with M^{r}. Andrews may be sent down & We may be enabled to try him here.

The present commotions in the Country having put a total Stop to the Collection of the Juncans, our Treasury is so much reduc'd & our unavoidable expences so high that We are very apprehensive it will not be in our power duly to honor the bill of Exchange you may possibly draw on us & therefore must desire you will give notice to the Proprietors that it must be in our option either discharge the Drafts you may make on us in ready Cash or to give the

Company's Notes bearing eight ℘ Cent Interest in payment as may suit our Convenience.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient hble Servts.
J. L. HOLWELL &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT WILLIAM
1ST. APRIL 1760.

P.S.—Enclosed you will receive a bill of Exchange in your favor on the Agent Victualler to His Majesty's Squadron for A.Rs. 4586—10—6 the amount of Arrack, spar'd his Corrispondent out of the Company's Stores Capt. Tvie not being able to receive on board more than 293 barrels of Powder we have laden the remaining 107 barrels on the Sloop Speedwill Capt. John Johnson.

No. 31.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for last month I Receiv'd to day Letters from Nizam Ally's Camp, informing me that he is on his March for Goliondah, The Hircarras I sent him with the Presidents Letter dated the 3d. Instant, are not yet Return'd.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most humble Servant
JAS. ALEXANDER.

MASULIPATAM
22D. JUNE 1760.

No. 32.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Address waited on your Honour &ca. the 8th. with a Packet for the President & Council of Bombay which we hope is safely arrived.

On the 9th. Instant imported here our Honourable Masters Snow the Syren Capt. Thomas Warner, who left Great Britain the 9th. December last, the Weather & Surff being extreamly bad we were not able to get the Pacquet on Shore till late last Night which was a Box directed to us wherein we found a Pacquet for your Honour &ca. which we now dispatch with one from the Secret Committee by these Pattamars & agreeable to our Honble Masters Commands

request Your Honour &c^{a}. will forward the Pacquet to the President & Council of Fort William which is enclosed in yours by the most expeditious and safest manner.

We are respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble servant
J^{s}. WHITEHILL.
ARTHUR KING.
W^{M}. SMAITON.

ANJENGO
13TH. JUNE 1760.

P.S.—Agreeable to our Honble Masters Orders we intend dispatching the Syren to Bombay this Evening.

N°. 33.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On the 7th. Instant, we had the Pleasure to receive your Letter of the 8th. ultimo, with Duplicate of that under the 8th. April.

The President returns his thanks, for your Honor &c^{a}. Congratulations, on his accession to this Government, as all of us likewise do, for your Wishes, that we may prove Successful, in transacting the Affairs committed to our Charge.

Our Honble Masters Ship Stormont Captain Henry Fletcher, imported the 26th. Ultimo, from Bengal, which we purpose dispatching home, in company with the Houghton, as soon as the Season will permit.

We desire your Honour &c^{a}. will forward the enclosed Packet, for the President and Council at Fort William, by the first Conveyance, and are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
CHA^{S}. CROMMELIN.
J. BYFELD.
W^{M}. HORNY.
SAM: HOUGH.
PETER ELWIN WRENCH.
ROBERT HALFORD.

BOMBAY CASTLE
12TH. JUNE 1760.

N°. 34.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since writing the accompanying I have receiv'd your Honour &c^{a}. Favor of the 28th. Ultimo.

M^{r}. Alexander has acquainted me that he has placed Tappa's from Massulipatam to Coringa, & a few hours past I dispatch'd others to remain at proper Stages to join those, I have likewise dispatch'd Tappas to remain at

proper distances between this, Place and Ganjam, and as the Peons of this Place are not sufficiently acquainted with the Country which lies betwixt Ganjam and Ballasore, I have wrote to the Resident of that Place desiring he would immediately place persons to proper Stages to convey such advices as he may receive with the greatest speed to my last Tappa station'd at Ganjam.

I return your Honor &c^{a}. many thinks for my Appointment of Council, & am with the greatest Esteem.

VIZAGAPATAM
THE 14TH. JULY 1760.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most
humble Serv^{t}.
THO: HEATH.

N°. 35.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
&C^{A}. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the month of June.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JA^{S}. ALEXANDER.

MASULIPATAM
11TH. JULY 1760.

N°. 36.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
&C^{A}. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 12th. Instant I have Receiv'd In Conformity to your Orders no more money shall be disbursed on account of the Investment & the surplus Cash shall be Transmitted by the first good Sea Conveyance that Offers. The 8th. Instant I Advanced the Company's Merchants Ten Thousand Three hundred (10,300) Pag^{o}.

MASULIPATAM
18TH. JULY 1760

I am with the Utmost
Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most
humble Serv^{t}.
JA^{S}. ALEXANDER.

N°. 37.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the Month of July.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most humble
Srvt.
Jas. Alexander.

Mauslipatam
4th. August 1760.

N°. 38.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your favor of the 5th. Instant per Boneta Ketch & have duly honor'd your bill of Exchange on us. in favor of Captain John Edwards for C.Rs. 43369—3 —.

We have already requested you would supply Us with the usual Quantity of Redwood by the Shipping of the Season, and now take the liberty to remind you of the same.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants,
J. L. Holwell.
Wm. B. Sumner.
Wm. Mc.Gwire.
S. Batson.
H. Verelst.
H. Smyth.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
June the 21st. 1760.

P.S.—One Lewis, who served Captain Brohier as a Writer & some time since went up to Madrass, having been detected in havg. grossly defrauded the Company. We desire you will seize on him, & send him down to us that he may answer for his Conduct.

N°. 39.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 10th. Ulto. we received Your Favour of the 14th. June, and are extremely glad to find that all our Honble Masters Treasure from Fort Marlbro, was got safe on board their Ships Suffolk and Valentine at Batavia, and hope it will as fortunately reach Canton. where it must prove very acceptable

to the Supercargoes, and the more so, as your Honor &c^{a}. mention, the Exigency of your Affairs has obliged as you, to detain the Produce, of the Gold Dust, we desired you to forward as part of the Griffins Stock, agreeable to which we shall debt your Presidency, for the amount, and credit the president & Council at Fort William, for the Bill your Honour &c^{a}. have drawn on them, in favour of Captain Edwards.

We transmit our Account Current with you to the 30th. April, and are

Bombay Castle
3rd August 1760.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants
CHA: CROMMELIN.
J. BYFELD.
WM. HORNBY.
J. SPENCER.
SAM: HOUGH.
PETER ELWIN WRENCH.
ROBERT HOLFORD (*sic*).

N°. 40.

To THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &C^{A}. COUNCIL AT FORT
ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We addressed you last on the 12th. Ultimo Duplicate of which are enclosed. and on the 30th. came to hand your Favours of the 29th. 30th. & 31st. May.

Your Honor &c^{a}. may depend, on our assisting you with Gunpowder, Mortals & Shells, whenever we have any to spare, and Opportunities offer of sending those Articles, & having on the 28th. Ult^{o}. receiv'd some news, of the publick Occurrences in Europe, by the way of Bussorah We transmit an Extract thereof, in which your Honor &c^{a}. will observe, that Succours were designed you from thence, which we hope may enable you, to succeed in the Enterprize, you have so much at Heart.

We are sorry that the Enemy have reduced so many of our Honble Masters Settlements, on the West Coast & that it has been attended with the Destruction of Ship Denham, but we have the pleasure to learn from private Letters, that the Earl of Holderness and Delawar were dispatch'd home previous to the Enemy's Appearance.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
3^{D}. JULY 1760.

CHA: CROMMELIN.
J. BYFELD.
WM. HORNY.
J. SPENCER.
SAM: HOUGH.
PETER ELWIN WRENCH.
ROBERT HALFORD.

N°. 41.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor of Fort St. George
&ca. Cuncil.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the month of August.

I am with the utmost respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most
humble Servant
Jas. Alexander.

Masulipatam
3d. September 1760.

N°. 42.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed you have Invoice & Bill of Lading for Twenty Five Thousand (25,000) Masulipatam Rupees shipped on board the Sloop Fortune, Sahita Elloy Syrang, on account and Risque of the Honble Company, which I have carried to the Debt of the Presidency.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble
Servant
Jas. Alexander.

Masulipatam
7th. September 1760.

N°. 43.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Present is to forward your Honor &ca. the Books of this Settlement ending last April, and the Journal Parcels for last Month.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & Most Obliged
humble Servt.
Thomas Heath.

Vizagapatam
the 31st. August 1760.

N°. 44.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor &c^a^. Council
at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your favours of 15^th^. May & 12^th^. of June ℔ Alla Doulate and 12^th^. July ℔ Godolphin. Inclosed We send you duplicate of Our Letter dated the 21^st^. June.

The Godolphin arrived in the river the 24^th^. Instant and M^r^. Van Sittart having on the 27^th^. Deliver'd to Us the Companys General Letter dated the 23^d^. November wherein he was appointed to the Government of Bengal He accordingly on that day took upon him the Charge of this Presidency.

The Bills of Exchange your honor &c^a^. mention to have drawn upon us We will discharge whenever it Suits our convenience, but for the Present We are obliged to give bonds for their amount from thence you will observe that the present low state of our Treasury prevents Our sending you such Supplies of money as would consist with Our inclinations; nor have We any immediate prospect of being able to assist you, however your Honor &c^a^. may depend upon all the Supplies that Our most constant endeavors can at any time raise for your service.

A Select Committee consisting of the Honble the President Mess^rs^. Amyatt, Cailaud, Sumner Holwell & M^cc^Gwire being appointed for the management of all concerns relative to Military Operations and transactions with the Country Government. You will please to direct your advices on those heads to them.

The Redwood ℔ Allo a Doulat being not yet weigh'd off We cannot inform you how it turns out.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Henry Van Sittart.
Wm. B. Sumner.
J. L. Holwell.
W. McGwire.
S. Batson.
H. Verelst.
H. Smyth.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
July the 31^st^. 1760.

N°. 45.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^.
George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have to acknowledge your two favors of the 31^st^. July & 11^th^. August with the Honble Company's packets, and other papers mentioned therein.

Since our last the Honble Company's ship Triton Captain Barklay, for China, has imported from the Straits of Sunda, where Captain Barkley was inform'd by some Dutch Ships that two French Men of War one of 64, the other a Frigate of 36 Guns, were crusing about the Straits, and that two more of 74 Guns had been some time before at Princes Island, from thence they had gone away, it was conjectured either to the Straits of Malacca, or into the China Seas. In Consequence of this Advice he thought it proper to put

back from the Straits, & make the best of his way to Fort S^{t}. George; but being drove to Leeward, (after touching at Vizagapatam where he dispatched a letter with the Intelligence to your presidency) he came into our River, as the only resource left him. We had intended to dispatch the Triton to you immediately with her entire Cargo, but upon Captin Barkly's representing she had met with some Strain in her passage from England, whereby it was necessary she should be survey'd and she might stand in need of Repairs, which would require some Time and in Consideration of your pressing Want of Money, we determined to take out her Treasure amounting to forty Chests, one half of which we have now the pleasure to forward to you on the Boneta Sloop, Captain Thomas Prise, of which are enclosed Invoice & first Bill of Lading the other half we will send on the palty Tender, which will leave this Port in about ten Days more, We hope this Supply will relieve you from an immediate Want, and again repeat that we shall omit no Opportunity of assisting you, and to the utmost of our power enabling you to carry on whatever Opperations may tend to the Reduction of our Enemies.

The Triton we intend to dispatch with some Salt Petre to Bombay where she will have what repairs she may want, and we shall recommend to the Gentlemen there, to provide her a Cargoe of Cotton and pepper for China, which may in some Measure compensate for the Want of Treasure, should your Honour &^{c}. think it necessary to apply what came upon her to your present urgent Occasions, And we shall desire they will direct her to call at your presidency, that if any Money can be spared, she may receive it on Board.

As we expect Nine Ships, including the Triton and Godolphin, a number greater than we can possibly provide for, we have resolved to dispose of them in the following Manner.

We shall dispatch three immediately for Europe One shall be sent half laden to your presidency, so as to arive by the first of January next, there to be filled up & dispatch'd for Europe. Two to be employ'd betwixt Bengal and Fort S^{t}. George, to carry Supplies of Rice & Treasure if possible One (The Triton) to Bombay & China One to Bombay with Salt petre, and to be dispatch'd from thence to Europe One (the Godolphin) with Freight to the Gulph of Arabia, & to be the early Ship next season from henec to Europe. All which Ships will be dispatched according to the Times of their Arrival, or as suits our Convenience.

We have received Information that the pattamars, we dispatched to your honor &c^{a}. Overland, have been stop'd and detained by Narrandeo the Imhapore Rajah, we therefore enclose you Duplicates & Triplicates of the Letters sent by them.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Serv^{t}.

FORT WILLIAM
29TH. AUGUST 1760.

HENRY VAN SITTART.
W. B. SUMNER.
J. L. HOLWELL.
W. McGWIRE.
S. BATSON.
H. VERELST.
H. SMYTH.
CULLING SMITH.

P.S.—We enclose a packet for the President & Council of Bombay which we request you will please to forward by the quickest Way. It is left open for your perusal.

We request likewise that the Boneta Sloop and the other small Vessels belonging to this presidency now upon the Coast may be return'd hither as

soon as the Occasions of your Service will admit. We have scarcely sufficient for the Duties of the River, so that it is an Inconvenience when their happens a Necessity for sending one to the Coast, or other part of India.

N°. 46.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor &c^a^. Council at
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Under Date the 31^st^. of July We did Ourselves the pleasure to address you by Pattamar, Duplicate of which We now enclose.

On a strict scrutiny of the fraud committeed in carrying on the New Fortifications We find M^r^. John Lewis has defrauded the Company of the Sum C.R^s^. 61609–8–10 and M^r^. John Brohier who had made himself answerable to us in the Sum of C.R^s^. 76,264–5–10 on the same Account have both of them elop'd from this Settlement shou'd they or ither of them, make their appearance at your Presidency or within your Bounds We request you Will secure them & send them to us by the first Opportunity that may offer.

The Court of Directors having in their Command of the 23^d^. November nominated M^r^. William Bodle a Factor on the establishment We beg you will advise him of the same and direct him to proceed to the Bay as soon as possible.

As We are in great Want of several Articles of Stationary We request should any arrive from Europe at your Presidency on Our account you will forward it to us by the first Opportunity that may Offer. In the mean time If you can spare any of what you have remaining We shou'd be glad if you would send Us some as soon as possible.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. humble Servants
Henry Van Sittart.
W^m^. B. Sumner.
J. L. Holwell.
W^m^. M^c^Gwire.
S. Batson.
H. Verelst.
H. Smyth.
Culling Smith.

Fort William
August the 18^th^. 1760.

N°. 47.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Lading for Ten Thousand (10,000) Masulipatam Rupees shipp'd on board the Boat Latchme Narasimaloo, Umaloo Syrang, on Account and Risque of the Honble Company which I have carried to the Debit of the Presidency.

I am with the Utmost Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most
humble Servant
Ja^s^. Alexander.

Masulipatam
19^th^. September 1760.

N°. 48.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President and Governor &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George..

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Honor &c^a's^. Favor of the 23^d^. Ultimo, and shall duely observe your directions therein.

I am sorry to acquaint your Honour &ca. that the Roof of the Garden House over the Hall is so much decayed that it is in the greatest danger of Falling, the occasion of which is the room being Scal'd and the Walls thereof closed with the Roof in such manner as not to admit the Air; I shall give it a temporary repair to preserve it till the Rains are over, when I hope your Honour &ca. will be pleas'd to permit me to rebuild it, otherwise the whole Fabric will be ruin'd.

The Rajah frequently writing me for Flints (which Article I forgot to mention in my Indent) I should be obligd to Your Honor, &c^a^. If you would be pleas'd to order a quantity to be sent me with the Goods for Present.

Enclosed your Honor &c^a^. will receive the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month, and I am with the greatest Esteem.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. most Obliged
hble. Serv^t^.
Tho : Heath.

Vizagapatam,
The 14^th^. September 1760.

N°. 49.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on your Honour &c^a^. by the Snow Andrews Anthony Lafontaine Master, on board whom I have Laden on Account and Risque of the Honble Company two hundred Bales of Callicoes as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, the remaining Ballance will provide aboue Fifty Bales more which, will be at the Wash in about twenty days.

I hope the above will meet your honour &c^a^. approbation and am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most
humble Servant
George Dolben.

Bandarmalanka
the 24^th^. Septembfr 1760.

N°. 50.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Encloses your Honor &c^a^. Duplicate of my last with Duplicate Invoice and Bill of Lading of two hundred Bales of Calicoes Consigned to your Honor &c^a^. by the Snow Andrews.

I am with the greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble
Servant
George Dolben.

Bandarmalanka
the 25^th^. September 1760.

N°. 51.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor of Fort St. George
&c^a^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 11^th^. Instant I have Receiv'd. There are by this time Two hundred Bales of Cloth loaded by M^r^. Dolben at Bandarmalanka on Snow Andrews she is only waiting for a fair Wind. The Ballances now Outstanding will produce about fifty more which shall be got in and sent up without loss of time.

Masulipatam
24^th^. September 1760.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & Most
humble Servant
Ja^s^. Alexandar.

N°. 52.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President and Governor &c^a^. Council
at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By our letter of the 4^th^. June you will observe the Fanny Snow/now called the Calcutta/on which We had laden the Military Stores for your Presidency was obliged to put back; being unable to proceed on her Voyage on account of her springing a leak.

In consideration of the loss the Owners have sustained by this Accident, We have again taken her up on Freight and now dispatch her to you with 1471 Shells as ℔ Invoice enclosed and have agreed as ℔ Charter Party enclosed to allow them forty Arcot Rupees ℔ Ton/which we have already paid here/ & Demurage at the Rate of forty Arcot Rupees ℔ Day should she

be detain'd by you longer than fifteen Days—you will therefore be pleased to unlade her as soon as possible & give the Captain his Discharge.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
HENRY VANSITTART.
WM. B. SUMNER.
J. L. HOLWELL.
W. McGWIRE.
S. BATSON.
H. SMYTH.
CULLING SMITH.

FORT WILLIAM
28TH. AUGUST 1760.

No. 53.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last Advices were of the 28th. and 29th. Ultimo whereof we enclose Duplicates, We take the Opportunity of the pattys Conveyance to send you the remaining twenty Chest of Treasure which come on the Triton, with a Supply of Gold to the Amount of one Lack of Current Rupees, which Captain Denn has agreed to carry down Freight free; enclosed are the Invoice & Bill of Lading.

We have thought proper to secure the person of one Monsr. Grenier, a French Officer who enlisted himself into the Nabob's Service, & whom We have Reason to suspect guilty of holding a private Correspondence with Monsr. Laws. We send him to your Honor &ca. under Capt. Denn's Charge, whom we have directed to deliver him over to your Custody, & recommend his being secured with the other French prisoners.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most humble Servants
HENRY VAN SITTART.
JOHN CAILLAUD.
WM. B. SUMNER.
J. L. HOLWELL.
W. McGWIRE.
H. VERELST.
H. SMYTH.
CULLING SMITH.

MASULIPATAM
5TH. OCTOBER 1760.

No. 54.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the month of September.

I am with the utmost Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
JAS ALEXANDER.

FORT WILLIAM
17TH. SEPTEMBER 1760.

N°. 55.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governor and the Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

As soon as we had received your favor of the 9th. Instant, we caused, with due circumspection, a most exact search to be made both in this Town and adjacent Villages belonging to the Danish Company, for the named Lewis de Costa, but after all he was not to be found within our Bounds. We likewise have taken the necessary measures for securing him whenever he shall appear in our Territories and if so happens, we immediately shall send him to you.

We have the honor to be with great consideration.

Fort Dansbourg
October the 28th. 1760.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
J. J. J. Forih &ca. Council.

N°. 56.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President Governor &ca. &ca. &ca.
at Fort St. George.

Sir

By different Conveyances I make no doubt but you will long ago have receiv'd the news of the Loss of all their Honors Settlements on Sumatra; it becomes needless for me to enlarge on a subject so chagrining; the Gentlemen most immediately interested, and who imbark by this Conveyance will save me so disagreeable a Task; they will also acquaint you of their Situation here; the necessity there was of Purchasing a Vessell; and the impossibility of all the Gentlemen and Ladies imbarking thereon; It will be it is true an expensive Affair on the Company, but there was no Remedy; many must have remained on board The French Frigate, & miserably perish'd. The Usage they have received, and severe Distresses, will be painted to you in their true Colours by Mr. Carter, and the rest of the Gentlemen from whom likewise you will be informed of Occurrences here; Embarrisments & pressing hurry oblige me at present to be dormant in that Respect.

Yesterday morning I received a Letter from Captain Savage, who is in the Streights, & having heard of two French Ships being in this Road, wrote me to know what he was to do; by his omitting to send me the Packet, I was quite in the Dark what Directions to give him—Roger Carter Esqr. and Mr. Plowman sat out immediately incog in a flying Praw, the former, will open the Packet, the Contents of which, & the Circumstances of Things before his Eyes, will indicate the Steps necessary to be taken.

The Sistem of Affairs in India seems to differ from prior Times, that will in Course produce a different Mode of thinking at home, & in Consequence, a greater Latitude of Action given to the Gentlemen in these Quarters, or at least necessarily taken by them; Our happy Constitution subjects us to numberless Inconveniences, I wish I may not have Occasion to call them by the harsher name of Cruilties: you will in all probability think it requisite always to have some body on this Spot, which will be elucidated to you; a single person may likewise be too hazardous Death might make unavoidable Discoveries; I have for that Reason pressed Mr. Plowman to remain with me in expectation that you will be pleased to approve thereof & of my paying him his Appointments here; on the Reestablishment of the West Coast he is always ready to repair thither from hence.

I do not think I shall have Occasion to make use of a Public Credit here, but as the one I had from Fort Marlbro is at an End, I should be much Obliged to you for mentioning me in you General Letter to his Excellency & Council; as I should also very particularly if you could without Inconvenience, obtain from the Admiral a pro Forma Admiralty Appointment, as it was once demanded from me what Authority I assumed to send Dispatches of that Sort.

I am with great Deference
Sir
Your most Obliged & Obedt. hble. Servant
John Herbert.

Batavia
the 12th. August 1760.

N°. 57.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last advices to you, went by the Delawar, that sailed from hence on the 31st. July 1759, & we have since receiv'd your Letter by the Ship Warren.

It gave us pleasure to hear, that you defeated the Efforts of the French against your Settlement, We heartily congratulate you upon that happy event.

We desire you will send us for the use of this Island, Ten Pieces of Long Cloth, of Twelve Pagodas pr. Piece, Ten Pieces of Ten Pagodas ℔ Piece, Twenty Pieces of Eight Pagodas ℔ Piece, Ten Pieces of Five Pagodas ℔ Piece, and fifty Pieces of Three Pagodas, and the Rest of the One ℔ Cent, in Arrack, Rice, and Paddy.

We have Certain intelligence from England, that the French have sent to the East Indies this Season, two Frigates, of Thirty two Guns each, called the Malicieux, and Opal, they were met at Sea, about the Middle of February, to the Westward of Scilly.

This goes by the Royal Duke and enclosed you will receive, the arrival, and departure, of ships, to and from this Place, since the 23d. July last.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Chas. Hutchinson.
John Skottowe.
John Clark.
L. A. Purling.

St. Helena
6th. June 1760.

N°. 58.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you with the Accounts of the Settlement for the Month of October.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Servt.
Jas. Alexander.

Masulipatam
7th. November 1760.

N°. 59.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort
St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

There has no material alteration happen'd in the Situation of Affairs this way since my last; The Male Contents continue in the Honble Companys Towns collecting in their Kists, and Plundering their People.

Enclosed your Honor &ca. will receive the Acounts of this Place for last Month, & I am with the greatest Esteem

Vizagapatam
the 31st. October 1760.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Oblig'd hble. Servt.
Thos. Heath.

N°. 60.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble Company's Ships Lord Mansfield, Onslow, Prince Edward & Sandwich being safely arriv'd we have receed their several Packets from Europe & been favored with your Letters dated the 13th. 17th. & 25th. Ulto. with the several Papers enclosed the Queensborough Sloop has likewise brought us your Favor of the 16th. Ultimo, & the Honble Companys Ship Royal Duke Capt. Pigo destined for St. Helena and Bengall has imported from St. Helena, whence she sailed the 23d. June, the Letters for your Settlement & Fort Marlbrō which came upon her we now forward you.

Our Address of the 29th. August Boneta Sloop wou'd advise you of our having forwarded by that Conveyance one half of the Triton's Treasure, & that we intended to send the Remainder on the Patty Tender, which was accordingly done, & we hope it has arrived safe with you; The same letter likewise acquainted you of the Destination of the Shipping we expected this Season whereby you would observe our Design of dispatching to your Honor &ca. a Ship half laden, in time to arrive at your Port by the first of January in order to be dispatched to Europe, as also of two to be employ'd on the most necessary Occasions betwixt your Settlement & ours till the next Season.

We flatter ourselves nothing but the most urgent Necessity has induced you to take out such parts of the Military Stores as were intended for our Settlement by these Ships, We are in great need of those Articles & hope at least to have the full Consignments by the Lord Anson & Latham, We request you will be as tender as possible in exerting the Power the Situation of your Settlement affords over us, by all our Consignments passing thro' your Hands. What Stores for your Settlement have come down to us on the Prince Edward we shall keep and give you Credit for.

Such parts of your Indent for Cloth Account the Military as we have it in our power to comply with we shall send by the first Opportunity.

Lest any Accident should occasion a Miscarriage of the Letters forwarded by the Pattamars now under Dispatch, we have open'd the St. Helena Letters

for your presidency & Fort Marlbrō and taken Copies of them to be sent by the next Conveyance.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
E. ELLIS.
WM. B. SUMNER.
H. VERELST.
H. SMYTH.
CULLING SMITH.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 29TH. OCTOBER 1760.

N°. 61.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favor'd with your Sundry letters of the 27th. & 30th. September ℔ Ships Latham & Lord Anson & 7th. & 12th. Ulto. ℔ Leopard Snow & Boneta Sloop since our Address of the 13th. October whereof We enclose you Duplicate.

The Ships We expected for this season being all arrived, We have appointed them to their different Employs as follows.

The Onslow & Prince Edward to your Presidency, the first half laden so as to arrive with you in the beginning of January to be dispatch'd to Europe the latter to wait the Admiral's Orders, or be employ'd on your Coast as you think most necessary.

The Royal Duke, Latham and Lord Anson directly from hence to Europe.

The Sandwich and Lord Mansfield to Bombay.

The Triton and Godolphin's destination We before acquainted you of & the only alteration you will perceive We have made from the former Appointment, is the sending one Vessel to be employed betwixt Our Settlements & Sending two besides the Triton to Bombay.

We request you will have thirty Tons of Red Wood ready split for the Onslow, which Article We cannot spare Her, not having sufficient quantity for the Ships intended directly for Europe notwithstanding our frequent request for a large Supply thereof We must here repeat our Desire that you will send us a considerable quantity by every Conveyance.

The Prince Edward will carry you 3000 maunds of Salt Peter which is all We can assist you with & we hope will suffice for the Admiral Watson, We shall likewise send you by that Conveyance a quantity of Rice, & what Treasure We can spare.

Enclosed you will receive first bill of Exchange drawn by Capt. John Brohier on Mr. John Call for CRs. 7000— —which We hope will be duly honored.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
HENRY VAN SITTART.
WM. ELLIS.
WM. B. SUMNER.
H. SMYTH.
S. WALLER.
CULLING SMITH.

FORT WILLIAM
6TH. NOVEMBER 1760.

N°. 62.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favours of the 19th. August & 13th. Ultimo have duly reached us, & we congratulate your Honour &ca. on the safe arrival of our Honble Masters Ships therein mentioned.

We now order the Chief & Factors at Anjengo to provide twenty thousand (20,000) Pieces of Salampores, in lieu of your middling Long Cloth, in consequence of what your Honor &ca. write us, on that Head.

Notwithstanding we have informed you of our inability to assist in respect of Money, we may be able to do it in some degree and which you may rely on as far as our Circumstances will admit.

The Syren Snow arrived with us the 17th. Septr. as did the Harcourt with a full Loading of Coffee from Macha, on the 4th. instant & the latter, together with the Houghton & Stormont, are now under dispatch for Great Britain.

The Gentlemen at Tellicherry have alledged, in excuse for the Timber & Plank laden on the Shaftesbury, that it was the same, your Honor &ca. desired, & that they were not approved of its Condition, before Mr. Huet returned from Calicut. We are sorry that they omitted ordering it to be surveyed in time, which they ought, considering how long the Plank for Fort St. Davids had been provided, and had we had any intimation of its being so much decayed, as not to be fit for your use, your Honor &ca. may be assured, another Provision should have been made, notwithstanding your Request, for that Parcel, in particular.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Chas. Crommelin.
J. Byfeld.
Wm. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Sam: Hough.
Chas. Waters.
Peter Elwin Wrench.
Robert Holford

Bombay Castle
24th. October 1760.

N°. 63.

To the Honourable George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governor of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Lading for Forty Thousand (40,000) Masulipatam Rupees shipped on board the Betsey Sloop, Robert Rogers Master on Account and Risque of the Honble Company, which I have carried to the debit of the Presidency.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & Most humble Servt.
Jas. Alexander.

Masulipatam
8th. December 1760.

N°. 64.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President and Governor of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Lading for Ten Thousand (10,000) Masulipatam Rupees shipped on board the Fortune Sloop Samita Elloy Syrang, on account & Risque of the Honble Company; which I have carried to the Debit of the Presidency.

I am with the Utmost Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Serv^t^.
Ja^s^. Alexander.

Masulipatam
20^th^. December 1760.

N°. 65.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r^.
President & Governor &c^a^. Council
at Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was dated the 24^th^. Ultimo, and we have no letters from you unanswered.

Our Honble Masters Packet by the Onslow has reached us by the way of Anjengo, & on the 20^th^. Instant, we dispatched the Houghton & Stormont, directly for Great Britain, in company with the Harcourt, from Mocha.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient hble. Servant
Cha^s^. Crommelin.
J. Byfeld.
W^m^. Hornby.
J. Spencer.
Cha: Waters.
Peter Elwin Wrench.
Robert Holford.

Bombay Castle
27^th^. November 1760.

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